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Hi Sherry,

I've been contacted by the Lac du Flambeau Band regarding contamination of groundwater on the reservation. While performing a groundwater project, they noticed smelly water and tested samples which came back positive for benzene. I believe one sample came back with 9,100 ppb. Please see the attached letter that they sent this past May to Gary Victorine from May 2014 for more information. Would you know the status on this request for assistance? Is there anything that the EPA can do to help the Band track the source?

Unfortunately, the BIA doesn't have any programs for pollution detection or tracking of sources. The EPA's assistance would be greatly appreciated with this issue. I hope to hear from you soon. As I stated on my voice mail message to you, we will be meeting with the Lac du Flambeau Band tomorrow afternoon and would like to be able to update them on what steps the EPA is planning to take on assisting them.

Sincerely,

**Mary T. Manydeeds**

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